

SSPA National Manager: Secondment / Fixed Term Opportunity

This community sector leadership role is becoming available and SSPA is seeking expressions of interest from people interested in a secondment or a fixed term role. For further information or discussion, contact Brenda Pilott, 027 430 6016 or manager@sspa.org.nz

The role and skills needed

This Wellington-based role provides leadership in the social services sector and requires a mix of skills, attributes and experience to be effective. The SSPA National Manager needs to be politically astute, skilled at influencing, representation and advocacy, and preferably with standing in the social services area.

Strong communication and relationship-management skills are needed, as this role is the 'face' of SSPA with members, the media, and with a wide range of sector, iwi and political stakeholders. Established networks in the public sector and political parties are needed.

The role leads a small team of (currently) 3 staff, plus project consultants as required.

To be successful, this role requires skills in strategy development and implementation, organisational leadership and people management, financial management and policy development.

About SSPA

SSPA is a leading advocate for the NGO social services sector with a primary focus on child, family and community services. A key part of the role is to engage with government to inform and influence in the legislative and policy development process. The National Manager represents SSPA on a number of working parties, advisory groups, and other types of consultative and engagement forums.

SSPA draws on its membership to engage with government, including submissions, information and advice, and facilitating consultation.

SSPA provides a range of services to members aimed at building the capability of the social services sector, including:

- Best practice professional and organisational development
- Provision of information and resources
- Regional meetings, best practice seminars, workshops and other events
- A major annual national social services conference.

SSPA undertakes projects for government and other agencies. Current and recent projects include sector capability development, research and co-ordination of pay equity activity.

The secondment / fixed term role

SSPA is interested in hearing from people who may wish to take up this role on a time-limited basis either as a secondment from their current employment, or on a fixed term basis. The length of term is flexible, with approximately six to nine months seen as a guideline for discussion.

The role is Wellington-based, at the SSPA office at 192 Tinakori Road in Thorndon.

Terms and conditions are negotiable, within an overall framework of community sector remuneration.